

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend page 1 as follows:

Before the first heading, insert the following new heading and paragraph:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/179,171 filed June 26, 2002, entitled INTERNET ENABLED SERVICE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD, which in turn is a continuation of Serial No. 09/069,566 filed May 29, 1998, entitled INTERNET-ENABLED SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD, now U.S. Patent No. 6,434,619, issued August 13, 2003.